

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/7/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8-12, 20-24 and 32-48.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 7/31/06 6/7/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Davis on September 29, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In reference to independent claim 35, line 1, the phrase '*A computer program product*' has been removed. Please replace with '*A computer-readable medium*'. Make the same change as above with dependent claims 32, 33, 34, and 36.

In reference to independent claim 35, lines 23 and 24, remove the phrase "*and an apparatus from which the computer program is accessible by the computer system.*" Line 23 should read as follows: *to cause an operation associated with the second location.*

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. Claims 8-12, 20-24, and 32-48, are allowed.
3. The following is a statement for the reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The closest prior art, USPN 6,763,496 to Hennings, teaches a first version of a page translated into a second version of a page. The created hyperlinks are embedded with respect to the content of the display page but are different from one another and different from the original

content translated. Although the created hyperlinks are embedded within the respective content of the display page, the versions do not provide the user with a first version that contains similar content and detect/create hyperlinks without user intervention. The independent claims include the limitation "in response to the first content at the first location within the paper, detecting a reference within the first content at the first location within the paper, the detected reference being associated with a second location and being at least one of the following, other than a computer network address: an alphanumeric character; a symbol; a term; and a phrase; and in response to the detected reference, forming a link within the second version between the first location and the second location, the link being embedded within at least a portion of the first content at the first location within the paper, and the portion of the first content at the first location within the paper being: displayable on the display device as part of at least the second version, which is displayable on the display device as the likeness of the paper". The independent claims describe a method that causes a second version containing first content at a first location to embed in a link within the second version. The link is embedded within the first content at the first location within the paper but found in the second version. The created hyperlinks are embedded within respective content of the display page; the first version of the page fails to include such content. Although both the first version of the page and the second version of the page include similar content, Hennings fails to embed the created hyperlinks within such content. The reference, USPN 6,356,922, to Schilit, discloses a means of creating hyperlinks based upon content being scanned. More specifically, the reference detects a reference through the detection of annotations and displays the link in the margin and next to the annotation. Schilit fails to explicitly teach or suggest detecting a reference within the first content

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at a first location within the paper; and embedding a link within at least a portion of the first content at the first location. The link detection and creation methods are not shown in the prior art of record and would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have combined the prior art of record to come up with applicant's claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew J. Ludwig whose telephone number is 571-272-4127. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on 571-272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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